GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3741
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MILITARY PARTNERSHIP WITH NATO
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have come to an agreement or propose for Military partnership with NATO;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the purpose;

(c) whether it is not the deviation from our Non-alignment Policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) No, Sir. The three services have neither reached any agreement with the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) nor do they propose to do so.

(b), (c) & (d) Do not arise.